



# Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico

## NEWS RELEASE

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### MOBILITY PLANNING IN VALENCIA COUNTY GETS UNDERWAY

Work has begun on a long range plan for Valencia County that will address all types of transportation throughout the county. When it is completed, the Plan will address bicycles, pedestrians, school bus routes, roadway maintenance, commuter rail, public transportation such as buses, and roadway issues. Proposed goals and objectives have been developed as a first step in the planning process and the public has been invited to comment. Comments are due by the end of the day on Friday, February 11, 2005.

The purpose of the Plan is to determine what the current needs are and to look at the County's growth patterns and try to determine where the future needs will be. The final Plan will include a list of current and future needs and a discussion of financial resources. The result will be a prioritized set of projects that citizens and elected officials can use in talking with State and Federal officials.

The Plan is being developed by the Mid-Region Council of Governments, the regional planning organization. A technical team of staff from each of the County governments has developed a proposed mission statement and a set of proposed goals and objectives. Copies of the proposal can be picked up at each of the local jurisdictions, at local libraries, or at the MRCOG booth at the Matanza on January 29. Copies are also available on line at [www.mrcog-nm.gov](http://www.mrcog-nm.gov).

The final goals and objectives will guide development of a set of transportation alternatives. The public will also be asked to provide comments on the alternatives. The results will then provide direction to the development of the draft Plan. Once the draft Plan is completed, it will then be released for public review and comment. Following this process, each government in the County (Bosque Farms, Los Lunas, Belen and Valencia County) will be asked to formally adopt the Plan.

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